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Nakiisa ang Unibersidad sa pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wika sa pamamagitan ng mga aktibidad na dinaluhan ng mga studyante, guro at mga opisyal ng BSU. Ang larawan ay kuha noong ika-31 ng Agosto habang ginaganap ang pampinid na palatuntunan ng Buwan ng Wika.

CAH, pinangunahan ang pampinid na palatuntunan ng Buwan ng Wika

Pinangunahan ng Kolehiyo ng Sining at Humanidades - Departamento ng Filipino ang pagdiriwang ng pampinid na palatuntunan ng Buwan ng Wika sa pamamagitan ng pagpapakita ng mga talento ng mga mag-aaral noong Agosto 31 sa BSU Gymnasium na may temang "Filipino at mga Katutubong Wika: Wika ng Kapayapaan, Seguridad, at Ingklusibong Pagpapatupad ng Katarungang Panlipunan."

Sa pambungad na mensahe ni Dr. Myrna B. Sison-Kuiper, dekana ng Kolehiyo ng Sining at Humanidades, pinasalamatan niya ang mga guro at magaaral ng CAH sa pagiging posible programa.

Ipinaliwanag din ni Dr. Faustina T. Dio-as, koordineytor ng Sentro ng Wika at Kultura, ang tema ng taon. Diniinan niya and apat na punto.

Una, ang "Filipino at mga katutubong wika," ay isang pagkilala sa katotohanan ng pagiging linguistically diverse ng Pilipinas. Pangalawa, ang mga wika sa pagtataguyod ng kapayapaan. Pangatlo, ang mga wika sa pagtataguyod ng seguridad at panghuli, ang mga wika sa ingklusibong pagpapatupad ng katarungang panlipunan.

Inilahad din niya ang kahulugan

ng ibon bilang pangunahing sagisag sa poster sa Buwan ng Wikang 2023. Ayon sa kanya, ang mga produktong bumubuo sa ibon ay sumisimbolo sa pagbibigay-priyoridad sa agrikultura bilang napakahalagang hakbang sa pagkamit ng ingklusibong pag-unlad pagpapatupad ng katarungang panlipunan dahil ang sektor na ito ang pinagmumulan ng pagkain na kinakain sa hapag ng pamilyang Pilipino. Ito rin ang pangunahing kuhanan-salukan ng materyales na ginagamit sa pagbuo ng produkto ng iba't ibang industriya.

Gayunding ipinakita ng mga magaaral ang pagpapakahalaga nila sa Wikang Filipino sa pamamagitan ng pagpapakita ng kanilang talento sa sayawit, maikling palabas, sabayang pagbigkas, pagsulat

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BSU to Level Up in Int'l **Ranking: Joins FLAIR Masterclass 2023**

With the commitment to strengthen the positioning of Benguet State University (BSU) in the international ranking, the University joined 15 other Higher Education Institutions in CAR and Region 1 in the Filipino Leaders in Advancing International Reputation (FLAIR) Masterclass 2 organized by the Commission on Higher Education-Cordillera Administrative Region (CHED-CAR).

Twenty-one BSU personnel participated in the three-day activity held on August 2-4, 2023, at the Cordillera Career Development College.

The FLAIR Masterclass 2 aims to capacitate participants to understand the processes and methodologies used three international rankings, which include QS Stars Ranking, Times Higher continued on page 8









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VISION

BSU as an International Smart University engendering graduates to walk the intergenerational highways.

MISSION

BSU CARES to: Challenge innovation, Advance technology and facility, Revitalize administration, Engender partnership, and Serve intergenerational role.

DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Goal I. Challenge Innovation in the four fold functions of the University Objectives:

- 1. (Instruction) To provide quality education responsive to the needs of time;
- 2. (Research) To enhance research productivity contributing to sustainable development;
- 3. (Extension) To disseminate relevant research outputs and other scholarly activities consistent with BSU's mandated programs;
- 4. (**Production**) To promote sustainable and appropriate resource generation strategies for the implementation of development plans; and
- 5. (**Administration**) To advocate for resource management and effective energy efficiency in addressing the demands of climate change.

Goal II. Advance Technology and Facility by shaping the University become responsive to modern needs.

Objectives:

- 1. (**Instruction**) To use information and communication technology learning resources to sustain and enhance quality of alternative teaching learning continuity endeavors;
- 2. (Research and Extension) To upgrade facilities and enable researchers/extensionists to conduct activities using specialized facilities;
- 3. (**Production**) To acquire and upgrade state-of-the-art facilities in the projects innovation: and
- 4. (Administration) To upgrade facilities and establish modern physical infrastructures.

Goal III. Revitalize Administration by harmonizing performance monitoring, information, and reporting systems.

Objectives:

- 1. To elevate the BSU PRIME-HRM to a level of excellence for good governance and efficient public service;
- 2. To reinforce transparency, integrity, and objectivity in the delivery of service;
- 3. To regenerate instruction, research, extension, production, linkages, governance, management, and policies; and
- 4, To streamline operations to be efficient, effective, and responsive to challenges and changes.

Goal IV. Engender Partnership by proactively strengthening linkages **Objectives**:

- 1. (Instruction) To establish academic partnerships with local, regional, national, and international institutions providing educational opportunities for faculty, staff, and students:
- 2. (Research) To increase and sustain university relations with academe, industries, GOs, NGOs, and LGUs for research funding;
- 3. (Extension) To increase and sustain partnership with academe, LGUs, NGOs, Industries, and others; and
- 4. (**Production**) To comply with existing laws, policies and other requirements.

Goal V. Serve Intergenerational Role by revitalizing the Spiritual, Physical, Economical, Cultural, Intellectual, Emotional, and Social (S.P.E.C.I.E.S.) state.

Objectives:

- 1. To offer programs that embody social, cultural, economic and developmental needs both for local and global markets;
- 2. To champion local culture and languages in the University context through research, extension, and academic programs;
- 3. To document best practices of the University.

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Quality Policy

Benguet State University is continuously committed to improve its Quality Management System, satisfy requirements of relevant interested parties and provide excellent service for quality education and innovative research aligned with sustainable development and client satisfaction.

Board Resolution # 2847 S.2016

BSS grads showcase study at PSAI confab, scoops special award

Three Bachelor of Science in Statistics (BSS) graduates of Benguet State University showcased their research papers at the 2023 Philippine Statistical Association, Inc. (PSAI) Annual Conference held in Subic, Pampanga on August 22-24, 2023.

Wijelyn Allan scooped a special award for the Best Student Paper Competition with their research titled "Modelling Rice Pest Incidences using Binomial Logistic Regression." Althea Margaret Celebre and Hannah Grail Lagasi also received recognition for their research papers titled "Factor Analysis on Stress Management Practices of Vegetable Farmers" (co-authored with Charmaine Ryzel Atam and Hanna Rose Kayyang) and "Correspondence Analysis on the Number of In-patients at Benguet General Hospital" (co-authored with Beverly Joy Opiles), respectively.

"I hope that this will inspire our BSS students, especially those making their thesis, to be serious about their research endeavor as there are opportunities like this that they can join," said College of Numeracy and Applied Sciences Professor Maria Azucena Lubrica who is one of the students' thesis advisers.

Ms. Lagasi also shared that she was awed and inspired by the event, especially that the training, plenary talks, and presentations challenged them as statisticians. "It is not only insightful but also enjoyable as we had fun with our thesis advisers," she added.

Aimed at making better societies through statistics and digital transformation, the event began with a training which included the topics "Leveraging ArcGIS for Data Sharing

and Collaboration" shared by Liz Linda Moraleda; "Data and Analytics for Digital Transformation" discussed by Carmelita Esclanda-Lo; "Data Visualization and Storytelling" by Miguel Molina and Patricia Magnaye; and "Introduction to Crowd-sourcing Data from the Web via R" by Michael Van Supranes.

The second day comprised of plenary talks, parallel sessions, and a fellowship dinner. Another plenary session was held on the third day followed by the awarding ceremonies where the winners of the 2023 Best Student Paper Competition was announced. The BSU participants graduated from the University last July 20-21, 2023.//CWansi

BSU studes receive cash assistance from MAKABASA LATTA Program

Senator Imee Romualdez Marcos graced the distribution of cash assistance from the MAKABASA LATTA Program to BSU students at the BSU Gymnasium on August 20, 2023.

Senator Marcos led the distribution of cash assistance to more than 1,000 BSU students who were affected during Super Typhoon Egay.

The students received Php 5,000 each. This initiative is part of the MAKABASA LATTA program, established by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), which aims to provide financial and other means of support for students.

Senator Marcos was accompanied by Benguet Governor

Melchor Daguines Diclas, La Trinidad Mayor Romeo Kimo Salda, COP PMAJ Leonard Damasen, PD PCOL Damian Olsim, RD PBGEN David K. Peredo, Jr., Caroline Bayongan of the DSWD-SWAD, and other DSWD officials. In attendance were BSU officials led by President Felipe Salaing Comila.//OGDacocot



Beneficiaries of the MAKABASA LATTA Program with Sen. Imee Romualdez Marcos joined by Local Government Unit (LGU) and BSU Officials during the Senator's visit on August 20, 2023.



August 24-25, 2023. The Bataan Peninsula State University Research and Development Office was accommodated by the BSU Research and Extension team, specifically from the Office of the Vice-President for Research and Extension (OVPRE), Office of Research Services (REPO), and Research and Extension Publication Office (REPO) for their exploratory visit to the University. The BSU team headed by VPRE Dr. Johnny Guzman Dati Sr. shared R&E's best practices on procurement processes, funding of researches and mechanisms on the productivity and sustainability of the different research centers. The group also visited the Agri-based Technology Business Incubator/Innovation Center (ATBI/IC) facilities and the strawberry farm.



August 8, 2023. A team from Batangas State University – Lobo Campus visited BSU to benchmark on agriculture and forestry-related best practices. The faculty members of the College of Agriculture and College of Forestry answered the visitor's queries on community practices related to academic operations; student internationalization; research and extension programs and strategies; and partnerships and linkages. The group visited the BSU Cordillera Regional Apiculture Center (CRAC) where they met CRAC Director Dr. Kenneth A. Laruan who gave them a quick tour. The visitors also went to the university IGPs: Food Processing Center, Bakery, and Marketing Center.



August 9, 2023. A team of faculty members from Batangas State University-College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) led by their dean, Dr. Matilda H. Dimaano, visited BSU for an academic bridging activity. A fruitful exchange and discussion of best practices, along with possible collaboration in the field of research, extension, and instruction, transpired between the two universities. Deans, chairpersons, and faculty members from the College of Arts and Humanities, College of Natural Sciences, College Numeracy and Applied Sciences and the College of Social Sciences.



August 10, 2023. With the aim to strengthen agricultural development modalities and practices in their localities, a team of 17 delegates led by Ms. Regielyn Degway of the Local Governance and Community Development Initiatives, Inc (LGCDI) visited BSU. The participants included vice-mayors, sangguniang bayan members, and city agriculturists from the provinces of Leyte, Biliran, and Davao del Sur. They went to different University facilities and learned best practices on agriculture from the Agri-based Technology Business Incubator/Innovation Center, Northern Philippines Root Crops Research and Training Center, and Food Science Research and Innovation Center, and the Benguet Agri-Pinoy Trading Center.



August 17, 2023. With its aim to offer a Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics (MSND), five faculty members from the Central Mindanao University (CMU) College of Human Ecology, headed by Department of Nutrition and Dietetics Chairperson Allene Mae N. Marapao, visited the College of Home Economics and Technology-Department of Human Nutrition (DHN). CMU is considering offering advanced studies in Nutrition and Dietetics, which will cater to the growing demand for nutrition and dietetics in Mindanao. During their discussion at the Strawberry Hall, inquiries from the visitors regarding the BSU's nutrition and dietetics program were accommodated by the CHET-DHN Chairperson, Ms. Daisy T. Viray, and other faculty members from DHN. Among the shared initiatives and best practices in the said program were curriculum development, facilities, program accreditation, and student scholarships.



August 15, 2023. The Visayas State University (VSU), headed by Vice-President for Research, Extension, and Innovation and Regional Agri-Aqua Innovation System Enhancement (RAISE) Program Leader Dr. Maria Juliet C. Ceniza, visited BSU to learn from the best practices of the offices under the RAISE program in the Cordillera Administrative Region. Dr. Ceniza led the Program Management Team of Eastern Visayas and other Regional Agri-Aqua Innovation System Enhancement (RAISE) projects team and gathered best agricultural research and technology management of BSU offices, including the BSU-Agribased Technology Business Incubator/ Innovation Center (ATBI/IC), Intellectual Property Rights Office (IPRO), and the Cordillera Consortium for Agriculture, Aquatic and Resources Research & Development (CorCAARRD). Among those who joined the discussion with the visiting team were ATBI/IC Director and RAISE-CAR Program Leader Dr. Ruth C. Diego, IPRO Director Dr. Cynthia D. Garambas, and OES Director Anna Cris L. Langaoan. The group also went to the the Cordillera Consortium for Agriculture, Aquatic and Resources Research & Development (CorCAARRD), where they met its director, Dr. Janet P. Pablo and her team.



August 25, 2023. Over 30 delegates from the Gender and Development (GAD) office of the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture-Pili Campus, headed by CBSUA GAD Director Dr. Glenn E. Redecilla, visited BSU to learn and adapt some of its best practices on Gender and Development. Dr. Redecilla was with other CBSUA officials and the GAD Core Group "Dawani" student organization led by Dawani Convener Ms. Avegail T. Temporal. Members from the BSU GAD Technical Working Group, Dr. Imelda G. Parcasio and Mr. Ramon C. Fiangaan Jr., welcomed the delegates from CBSUA. Dr. Parcasio and Mr. Fiangaan talked about the activities of the university that promote and advocate gender equality for its employees and students, followed by a fruitful exchange of ideas, suggestions, and questions. After a successful discussion, Dr. Redecilla and other CBSUA officials expressed their gratitude for the warm welcome. They said that the sharing of best practices has led to added learning and they hoped that it would strengthen the future partnership between the two universities.





August 10, 2023. Steadfast in their goal of achieving excellence, a team of faculty members from Bicol University (BU) headed by their Director for the Institute of Physical Education Sports and Recreation (IPESR), Dr. Carina L. Sales, engaged in a benchmarking activity with the BSU-College of Human Kinetics (BSU-CHK). In their discussion at the CHK Function Hall, Dr. Sales and her team exchanged best practices with BSU-CHK Director Marlon S. Tabdi, along with the Center of Sports, Recreation, and Wellness Director Mr. Frael U. Aquino and other CHK faculty members. The topics of instruction, research, and extension were thoroughly explored, allowing a comprehensive understanding of the strategies employed by both institutions. Questions, queries, and clarifications were also addressed by both participating teams. The BU team had a tour of the BSU Income-Generating Projects, such as the Food Processing Center, Bakery, and Marketing Center. They also visited the Strawberry Farm.

DOST deploys digitization techs to BSU



DOST-STII personnel with BSU officials, faculty and staff during the turn-over activity of the digitization devices at the BSU ICT hall on August 24, 2023 under the "Augmenting and Strengthening the e-Library Services in the Regional R&D Consortia Base Agencies" project.

The Department of Science and Technology-Science and Technology Information Institute (DOST-STII) deployed one scanner and one computer to Benguet State University through a project titled "Augmenting and Strengthening the e-Library Services in the Regional R&D Consortia Base Agencies" on August 24, 2023, at the BSU ICT Hall.

The said project is being implemented by the DOST-STII, funded by the DOST-Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD), in which BSU is among the beneficiaries from eight regional consortia base agencies.

It aims to digitize the Agriculture, Aquatic,

Natural and Resources (AANR) knowledge content of the Cordillera Consortium for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Resources Research and Development (CorCAARRD) and other regional consortia-based agencies. It will also be uploaded on the Science Library Integrated Management System (SLIMS), a system

that runs the DOST-PCAARRD eLibrary.

Designed by DOST-STII, SLIM intends to facilitate efficient and prompt dissemination, sharing, exchange, preservation, access, and retrieval of its resources. The said system will be shared among the DOST-PCAARRD regional R&D consortia base agencies.

The activity involved a training and orientation workshop for the personnel from CorCAARRD, led by Consortium Director Dr. Janet B. Pablo, and BSU ULIS staff, led by its Director Lauren P. Kipaan, on the utilization of the SLIMS and digitization process of the AANR resources.//OGDacocot

BSU Soars in Webometrics World Rankings

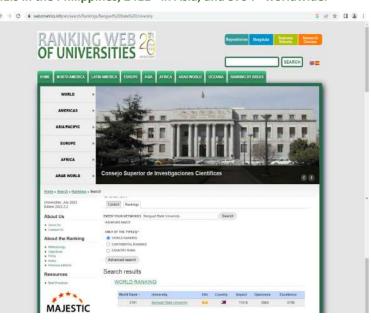
BSU ranked first among Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Northern Luzon in the Webometrics World University Rankings published in July 2023. The University also emerged as 32nd among 366 HEIs in the Philippines, 2411th in Asia, and 5794th worldwide.

The said ranking system is an initiative of the Cybermetrics Lab, a research group belonging to the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) which is the largest public research body in Spain. The rankings are based on three indicators, including visibility, transparency (or openness), and excellence.

According to Webometrics' website, the original aim of the ranking is to promote academic web presence, supporting the Open Access initiatives for increasing significantly the transfer of scientific and cultural knowledge generated

by the universities to the whole society. The objective is not to evaluate websites, their design or usability or the popularity of their contents according to the number of visits or visitors. A reliable rank is only possible if the web presence is a trustworthy mirror of the university.

The university's consistent dedication to quality in teaching, research, and innovation is highlighted by this remarkable achievement. It serves as an inspiration to the BSU community as it pursues excellence in providing quality education and services among its stakeholders.///OGDacocot



Plans for College of Medicine in progress

Benguet State University hosted a two-day Strategic Planning event to strengthen the foundation of the proposed College of Medicine on August 10-11, 2023, amidst the serene backdrop of Palm Grove Resort in Tuba, Benguet.

The event commenced with a warm welcome from Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Samuel Salay Poliden, who provided a comprehensive overview of the agenda for the two-day gathering.

In his address, Mr. Poliden expressed heartfelt gratitude to two distinguished guests who graced the occasion: National Economic and Development Authority — Cordillera Administrative Region (NEDA-CAR) Regional Director Susan A. Sumbeling and Commission on Higher Education — Cordillera Administrative Region (CHED-CAR) represented by Dr. Jimmy G. Catanes.

Their presence was a significant gesture of support for this crucial endeavor. Dr. Ruel Revilla, consultant and coordinator, and Dr. Florence V. Poltic, the Director of University Health Services, led the pivotal discussion on the establishment of the College.

In the discussions, Regional Director Sumbeling and Dr. Catanes reaffirmed their commitment and unwavering support for this undertaking, underlining the importance of collaboration and synergy to make this vision a reality.

BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila; Vice-President for Administration and Finance Allan Casaldo Sacpa; Vice-President for Research and Extension Johnny Guzman Dati, Sr.; Vice-President for Business Affairs Norma Palaci Banania; Finance Division Chief Administrative Officer Atty. Andres Arnold W. Lampacan; Budget Supervising Administrative Officer Dr. Estrellita M. Daclan; BSU Accountant IV Dr. Imelda B. Galinato; Human Resource Management Office (HRMO) Supervising Administrative Officer Dr. Raymundo Pawid Jr.; La Trinidad Campus Executive Dean Eugene S. Lumasok; College of Nursing Dean Vicente G. Panagan Jr.; Supply and Property Management Office Supervising Administrative Officer Bryan Bangnan; Planning and Development Office Director Melvin John Aromin and other university officials also attended the event.//OGDaccoct





BSU officials, faculty members and staff discussed their plans with the invited consultants from CHED-CAR and NEDA-CAR on the establishment of a College of Medicine in BSU. The planning activity was held on August 10-11, 2023 at the Palm Grove Resort in Tuba, Benguet.

CAH, pinangunahan....from page 1 ng sanaysay, poster-islogan at pag-indak.

Nagwagi si Marvilene C. Bangao ng College of Information Sciences patimpalak ng pagsulat ng sanaysay; patimpalak naman ng poster-islogan Maribeth nagwagi si Jazareno ng Kolehiyo ng Sining at Humanidades; at nakuha naman ni Jenelyn B. Umali ng College of Teacher Education, ang unang pwesto sa isahang pag-awit.

S a m a n t a l a , ang Kolehiyo ng Sining at Humanidades ang nanguna sa patimpalak ng sayawit. Ipinakita ng mga mag-aaral ang kanilang pagpapahalaga sa wikang Filipino sa pamamagitan ng pagtatampok ng kanilang pinagmulan.

Bukod dito, nagpasalamat sa mga magaaral si Dr. Penelope F. Tica-a, tserman ng Departamento ng Filipino, sa kanilang mga presentasyon. Binigyang-diin din niya na ang mensahe ng kanilang presentasyon ang nagpatotoo sa tema ng Buwan ng Wika. Inawit din niya ang "Uggayam", isang istilo ng pag-awit na pangunahing ginagamit sa mga seremonya sa rehiyon ng Cordillera bilang bahagi ng kanyang pagwakas na pananalita.//OGDacocot

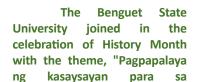


Pinangunahan ng CAH ang seremonya ng pagtaas ng bandila noong ika-7 ng Agosto 2023. Dito ipinaliwanag ni Dr. Faustina T. Dio-as, koordineytor ng BSU-Sentro ng Wika at Kultura, ang tema ng nasabing pagdiriwang ay isang pagkilala sa katotohanan ng pagiging linguistically diverse ng Pilipinas.//OGDacocot

BSU celebrates History Month



Dr. Tecah Sagandoy during the August 14, 2023 Flag Raising Ceremony explaining the theme of the History Month.



Sambayanan" this August 2023. This celebration is by virtue of Proclamation No. 339 s. 2012 declaring the Month of

August of every year as History Month.

During the flag-raising ceremony on August 14, spearheaded by the College of Social Sciences, Dr. Tecah Sagandoy talked about the significance of the History Month theme. He discussed relationship between democracy and history and emphasized the significance of democratizing history, such as, historical access, inclusivity and representation, and public participation of citizens.

Moreover, he shared that democratization of history is not just an academic pursuit but also a moral resposibility.

Among the significance of history, Dr. Sagandoy stated that it can connect us all generations, ancestors to future generations. He then reminded everyone to be cautious and responsible when watching and sharing history found in the internet and various social media platforms.

On the other hand, University President Felipe Salaing Comila shared the B's of life: Beaming and Beauty bestowed in his inspirational message. He asserted that each individual has their own

beauty that only they can radiate and is meant to be shared to the world. Also, he stated that having a strong and dedicated heart will help you become a better leader.

university president also administered the oathtaking of the newly promoted employees. Meanwhile, Vice-President for Academic Affairs Dr. Samuel Salay Poliden, gave updates on enrollment and other academic matters.// **CANapiloy**

BSU to Level Up....from page 1 Education (THE), and World University Rankings Innovation (WURI).

After undergoing the FLAIR Masterclass, the BSU participants are expected to work on QS Stars Rating or QS Asia University Ranking, THE, and WURI to level up the University's international branding in the academic global arena.

2020, **BSU** In garnered 3 Stars under the QS Stars Rating System. In the 2023 THE Impact Rankings, BSU gained an overall rank of 1001+ and ranked 201-300 in the 2023 WURI ranking.// ASantiago & RFatog



Leonave Mara Aranas, a graduate of BS Entrepreneurship specializing in Food Enterprise, clinched an impressive second place (Processing Category) in the Provincial Competition of the Young Farmers Challenge Program, organized by the Department of Agriculture. Her victory is accompanied by a substantial prize of Php 80,000.00, earmarked as start-up capital for her Mochi-Ice Cream venture.//CHET